

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:16-cv-02027-TNM**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden
Case: 1:16-cv-01679-ABJ
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/11/2016
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/11/2016	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4704516) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons State Department, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney Genearl)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 10/11/2016)
10/11/2016	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 10/11/2016)
10/11/2016	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul J. Orfanedes on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 10/11/2016)
10/11/2016	<u>4</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. Case related to Case No. 16-1679. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 10/11/2016)
10/11/2016		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (md) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/13/2016	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Consent Forms)(jd) (Entered: 10/13/2016)
10/20/2016	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/17/2016. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/16/2016.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/17/2016., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 10/17/2016 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 10/20/2016)
11/16/2016	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Kishore, Deepthy) (Entered: 11/16/2016)
11/17/2016	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff on or before December 16, 2016. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/17/16. (lcabj2) (Entered: 11/17/2016)
11/17/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff on or before 12/16/2016. (jth) (Entered: 11/17/2016)
12/16/2016	<u>9</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Kishore, Deepthy) (Entered: 12/16/2016)
12/23/2016		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>9</u> defendant's status report, defendant shall produce its responsive, non-exempt records to plaintiff on a rolling basis with its first production by January 13, 2017. The parties must file a status report with the Court by January 18, 2017 to advise the Court of the status of defendant's productions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/23/2016. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/23/2016)
12/28/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties are directed to file a Report with the Court by 1/18/2017 to advise of the status of defendant's productions. (jth) (Entered: 12/28/2016)
01/18/2017	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Kishore, Deepthy) (Entered: 01/18/2017)
01/19/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>10</u> defendant's status report, defendant shall continue producing its responsive, non-exempt records to plaintiff on a rolling basis with its

		next production by February 13, 2017. The parties must file a status report with the Court by February 17, 2017 to advise the Court of the status of defendant's productions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/19/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/19/2017)
02/17/2017	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Second Joint Status Report</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 02/17/2017)
02/20/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>11</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties must file a status report with the Court by March 17, 2017 to advise the Court of the status of defendant's productions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 2/20/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 02/20/2017)
03/03/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties must file a Joint Report by 3/17/2017, to advise the Court of the Status of Defendant's productions. (jth) (Entered: 03/03/2017)
03/17/2017	<u>12</u>	Third STATUS REPORT <i>Third Joint Status Report</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 03/17/2017)
03/17/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>12</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties must file a status report with the Court by June 20, 2017 to advise the Court of the status of defendant's productions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/17/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 03/17/2017)
03/20/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties must file a Report by 6/20/2017, to advise the Court of the Status of Defendant's productions. (jth) (Entered: 03/20/2017)
06/20/2017	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Kishore, Deepthy) (Entered: 06/20/2017)
06/21/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>13</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties must file a status report with the Court by August 23, 2017 to advise the Court of the status of defendant's productions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 6/21/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 06/21/2017)
06/30/2017	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Cesar A. Lopez–Morales on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Deepthy Kishore (Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 06/30/2017)
08/23/2017	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 08/23/2017)
08/23/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties must file a status report with the Court by November 21, 2017 to advise the Court of the status of defendant's productions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 8/23/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 08/23/2017)
11/01/2017		Case directly reassigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. Judge Amy Berman Jackson is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 11/01/2017)
11/21/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the recent assignment of this case to Judge McFadden, the parties are advised that the pre–existing schedule for this case remains in effect. The parties shall comply with all deadlines as previously ordered. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 11/21/2017. (lctnm3) (Entered: 11/21/2017)
11/21/2017	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 11/21/2017)
11/22/2017		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report on February 19, 2018 updating the Court on the status of Defendant's response to Plaintiff's request, including the anticipated schedule for completion of its production of documents to Plaintiff. The parties shall also indicate whether the parties anticipate filing any motions for which the Court must enter a briefing schedule. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 11/22/2017. (lctnm3) (Entered: 11/22/2017)
11/22/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/19/2018. (hmc) (Entered: 11/22/2017)

02/06/2018	<u>17</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by David Francis Rothstein on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Rothstein, David) (Entered: 02/06/2018)
02/06/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 02/06/2018)
02/08/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time. The parties' Joint Status Report shall now be due before or on March 2, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 2/7/2018. (lctnm3) (Entered: 02/08/2018)
02/08/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/2/2018. (hmc) (Entered: 02/08/2018)
03/02/2018	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 03/02/2018)
03/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file further joint status reports on June 1, 2018; September 4, 2018; December 4, 2018; and March 4, 2019. Should Defendant's productions be completed before the current anticipated deadline of the end of February 2019, the parties shall timely notify the Court and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 3/2/2018. (lctnm3) (Entered: 03/02/2018)
03/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Reports due by 6/1/2018, 9/4/2018, 12/4/2018, and 3/4/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 03/02/2018)
04/23/2018	<u>20</u>	STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Courtesy copies are excused for all filings predating the entry of this Standing Order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 4/20/2018. (lctnm3) (Entered: 04/23/2018)
06/01/2018	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 06/01/2018)
08/17/2018	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 08/17/2018)
09/30/2018	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Cesar A. Lopez-Morales (Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 09/30/2018)
10/02/2018	<u>24</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 10/02/2018)
10/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Defendant's <u>24</u> Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Plaintiff shall confer with Defendants and file an update proposing a schedule for further proceedings in this matter on or before October 24, 2018. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 10/3/2018. (lctnm3) (Entered: 10/03/2018)
10/04/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/24/2018. (hmc) (Entered: 10/04/2018)
10/24/2018	<u>25</u>	STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Plaintiff's <u>25</u> Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further update on or before January 4, 2019. This update shall propose a schedule for further proceedings if necessary. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 10/26/2018. (lctnm3) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/29/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/4/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 10/29/2018)
12/27/2018	<u>26</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay <i>Parties' Joint Status Report Deadline In Light of Lapse in Appropriations</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lopez-Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 12/27/2018)

01/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>26</u> Motion to Stay. Upon considering the Defendant's <u>26</u> Motion to Stay, it is hereby ordered that this matter shall be stayed until Congress has restored appropriations to the Department of Justice. It is further ordered that the Defendant will notify the Court immediately upon resumption of appropriations. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 1/2/2019.(lctnm2) (Entered: 01/02/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>27</u>	NOTICE of Restoration of Appropriations by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE re Order on Motion to Stay, (Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the Defendant's <u>27</u> Notice, the Court hereby lifts the stay in this case. The parties are ORDERED to file a status report on or before February 5, 2019. This Report shall propose a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 1/29/19. (lctnm3) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/5/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
02/05/2019	<u>28</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lopez–Morales, Cesar) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/06/2019	<u>29</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 02/06/2019)